

COLLIN COLLEGE ISO

SPRING 2021



INITIAL F-1, CREDIT POST- ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

ARRIVAL TO COLLIN COLLEGE

- Recommended Arrival date: **12/29/2020**
- Class Start Date: **01/19/2021**
- Allowed to arrive in U.S. up to 30 days before start of I-20. I-20 start date will be **01/12/2021**
- Review [International Student Handbook](#) for information about Texas and your arrival to Collin College.
<https://sway.office.com/ZfB8c6KNVDOAxafA?ref=Link>

REQUIRED IMMIGRATION CHECK-IN & ORIENTATION ACTIVITY

- Immigration Check-In:** Report to the International Students Office in G-103 at Spring Creek Campus OR email iso@collin.edu after you arrive in the U.S. You will need to bring the following documents:
 - Passport with F-1 Visa
 - I-20 with Student Signature
 - I-94: Visit <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home> & Click on Most Recent I-94
 - U.S. Address and U.S. Telephone Number:
<https://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/advising/international/Address%20Form.pdf>
- International Student Orientation:** An in-person International Student Orientation will be held on 01/12/2021. More details to come.

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI) OR TSI EXEMPTION

- Required to take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) test in reading, writing, and math, provide TSI scores from a previous school, OR request an exemption with qualifying documentation with Academic Advising (academicadvising@collin.edu).
- Obtaining a passing score in the reading and writing portion is required to maintain F-1 status at Collin College and avoid Change of Level to Collin's ESL program or transferring to another institution in the United States.
- F-1 students are not eligible to register for classes until they meet the requirement above on the TSI or provide a qualifying exemption to academicadvising@collin.edu.
- Review TSI testing procedures, locations, or exemptions below. **It is highly recommended that you take the TSI before your arrival to the U.S. For instructions to complete this TSI online, please here:** <https://www.collin.edu/studentresources/testing/availabletesting/tsi.html>

COMMON REGISTRATION HOLDS

- F1: Permission Required/Withdraw:** Placed on every F-1 international student on the Census date, so that students do not drop below full-time course load.
- Copy of Signed I-20:** Please provide a copy of your signed I-20 in person at the ISO office or by email at iso@collin.edu
- TSI English:** Please email iso@collin.edu when you have achieved a passing score on both the Reading and Writing portions of the TSI.
- Immunization Proof Required:** Students under the age of 22 must show proof of having a bacterial meningitis vaccination. The proof of immunization can be submitted to the Admissions office at any campus or by email to admissions@collin.edu
- International Orientation:** Complete Immigration Check-In -see above for details.
- Mandatory Orientation Online:** Different from International Orientation hold. Visit the “student tab” of your CougarWeb account to complete.
- Campus Safety Training:** The link is available in CougarWeb and can be found in the "Mandatory Training & Hold Information" channel found on the [Student tab](#). Once the training has been completed, the hold will be removed within one hour.

REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

- After removing holds, you are ready to register. See the link for more information.
<https://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/register/index.html>
- Visit Academic Advising for assistance in registering, degree planning, and course selection. Find their locations and office hours. <http://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/advising/index.html>
- Immigration Reminders when registering for classes**
 - Online Classes:** As a reminder, F-1 international students are only allowed to take 1 online course towards their full-time requirement during the Fall and Spring.
 - Full-time Enrollment Requirement:** As an F-1 international student, you are required to be enrolled full-time to remain in good immigration status, unless you have an authorized Reduced Course load. Full-time for Fall and Spring semesters is 12 credit hours.
 - Normal Academic Progress:** As a reminder, as an F-1 student, you should be making *normal academic progress* towards your degree. This includes taking classes that count towards your degree, passing classes towards your degree, etc.

PAYING FOR CLASSES

- Students are required to meet their financial obligations with Collin College to maintain enrollment.
- For payment procedures and information, please contact the Bursar/Cashier Office.
http://www.collin.edu/bursar/payment_methods.html

STUDENT PHOTO ID

- Can obtain 24 hours after course registration
- Collin College Student ID Office Hours and Locations. Spring Creek Campus-F-130,
<http://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/collegeids.html>